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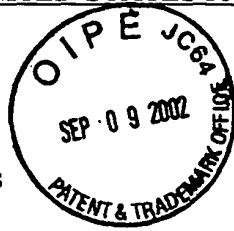
Application of:

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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
HANDLING FLUIDS



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Examiner:

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 19 and 21.

Please amend claims 1, 6-15, 18 and 20 as follows:

1. (Amended) A set of dispensing tips comprising:

i) a first dispensing tip comprising a lumen and a first and a second end, said second end being sealable, and

ii) a second dispensing tip comprising a first open end and a second open end, wherein said second dispensing tip is sized to enter said lumen of said first dispensing tip.